



MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HASLETT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021  
5593 FRANKLIN STREET, HASLETT, MI 48840  
7:00 PM, **VIRTUAL FORMAT**  
517-339-8242

Present: Lemmer/Bird/Collins/Michaud/Morey/Polverento/Wheeler

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tammy Lemmer, President.

\*An attendance roll call was held.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Kindergarten Round-Up Activities

A Kindergarten Round-Up Drive-Thru is scheduled for Monday, April 19 from 5:30–6:30 PM. Parents will have the opportunity to pick up important information, as well as Kindergarten educational materials. A Zoom Parent “Question and Answer” session will take place on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 PM. A Zoom link will be emailed to the parents of all registered Kindergarten students.

2. Middle School/Grade 5 Orientation

Grade 5 Parent Orientation will take place virtually on Monday, May 3 at 6:30 PM. A Zoom link will be sent to parents in a welcome email/letter. Student Orientation for Ralya (Grade 5 students) will take place on Thursday, May 6 at 9 AM, and Student Orientation for Murphy (Grade 5 students) will take place on Friday, May 7 at 9:45 AM. In these orientation sessions, Haslett Middle School PALS will answer questions and share their experiences as a Grade 6 student.

3. Responsive Return to School Plan Update

On Friday, April 2, Ingham School District Superintendents attended an emergency meeting with the Ingham County Health Department. Based on the recommendation from the ICHD, our district moved Middle and High School students to remote learning for the week of April 12-16. Elementary students continued their current in-person instruction plan, as positive COVID-19 case rates remain lower in the younger population. Requests were honored for the few elementary parents who chose to have their children return to remote learning for the week of April 12.

Last Friday, April 9, Governor Whitmer strongly encouraged districts to move to remote learning for the two weeks following Spring Break (April 12 – 23). Area Superintendents will be meeting with the ICHD on Wednesday, April 14, to further discuss remote learning for the week of April 19 – 23.

During the week of April 12, Haslett High School and Haslett Middle School will continue with the scheduled SAT; PSAT 8, 9, 10; and WorkKeys assessments. These tests are required to be administered in-person. The SAT and PSAT 8 is scheduled for April 13, PSAT 10 and WorkKeys is scheduled for April 14, and PSAT 9 is scheduled for April 15. These assessments are not required, and students will not be penalized for not taking these exams.

Governor Whitmer also recommended a two-week pause for athletics. The Haslett athletic programs will continue to follow the guidelines established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the requirements outlined in the MDHHS document entitled *Interim Guidance for Athletics* that went into effect April 2, 2021. This includes antigen testing as a requirement to participate in athletics. Antigen testing for our athletes began this week, and most competitions have been rescheduled to the week of April 19 as an additional precaution.

Treasurer Bird expressed appreciation of Superintendent Cook and area superintendents for their dedication to assessing and reassessing the situation and their willingness to reschedule as many of the athletic events as possible.

As Meridian Township has paused the use of their fields for practice, Vice President Polverento inquired about availability of school space. Superintendent Cook indicated Haslett Public Schools does not have additional field space available for youth sports to utilize.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 1. Recommendation to Purchase Desktop Computers

Jeff Cassin, Director of Technology, recommended the purchase of 90 Hewlett Packard desktop computers for use throughout the district. This equipment will replace existing computers that are five years old. The purchasing window for this program is scheduled to open April 14, 2021, and final device pricing will be released shortly before that date. As pricing has not yet been finalized, the anticipated cost of each computer will not exceed \$515, for a total cost not exceeding \$46,350. The final pricing will be determined prior to the next board meeting scheduled for April 26, where this item will appear on the Consent Agenda.

In response to questions from board members, Mr. Cassin noted this computer order represents approximately 20 percent of our total computer inventory, and the retired computers will be sold for recycling in response to the highest bid. Due to inventory backlogs, some previously ordered items still have not arrived.

##### 2. COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan Monthly Reconfirmation

The Haslett Board of Education discussed the reconfirmation of the COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan for the month of March. This plan must be submitted monthly to the Ingham Intermediate School District. Superintendent Cook reported a change to the submitted plan that reflected the district moving to a full, four-day schedule at the elementary level and four partial days at the secondary level. This information is posted on the district website.

##### 3. Responsive Return to School Attendance Data

The Return to School Legislation (Public Acts 147, 148, and 149 of 2020) modified the attendance requirement from the measure of scheduled physical attendance over 180 calendar days to a measure of participation through two-way interaction. These communication results are tabulated each week for both virtual and in-person learning, posted to the district website, and included in the monthly Extended Learning Plan required by the State of Michigan.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

##### Board Correspondence

Secretary Wheeler acknowledged correspondence from Kellie Upton in appreciation for honoring requests for students who wished to return to in-person learning, Chip Taunt and Jason Kildea regarding the resumption of spring sports, and Nancy Marr regarding the accountability for a more diverse district curriculum. Correspondence was received from John Yun, Patricia Marin, Marisa Fisher, Emily Mohr, Dan Mohr, Kurt Zinn, and Katherine Strunk regarding the return to in-person instruction following Spring Break, the Governor's recommendations, and COVID testing.

All correspondence received by the Haslett Board of Education is personally read, considered, and receives a response.

Comments from the Public

Jacquelyn Duckett (Haslett's Voice for Change) announced a Townhall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 8 PM. This meeting will promote community conversations and discussions. Additional information is available on the group's Facebook page.

The following individuals presented a public comment: Beth Boyd and Jeremy Wells.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting

Chairperson Polverento reported the Policy/Personnel Committee met on March 26, 2021 to receive an update on the Responsive Return to School Update and review the work completed by Administrators and school staff to accommodate student transitions. The committee also received an update on COVID-19 testing events scheduled by the Ingham County Health Department. Plans on sharing the results from the survey conducted by Dr. Terry Flennaugh, with the Haslett Board of Education and community were discussed, along with how Haslett's Voice for Change will be involved in the development of the District Diversity Plan. A large amount of community members expressed an interest in working on this plan.

2. Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting

Trustee Morey reported the Finance/Facilities Committee met on March 23, 2021 to discuss the Responsive Return to School Plan, and to receive an update on the progress made to offer parents accommodations with in-person or virtual instruction. Testing schedules and positive cases identified in the school buildings were also discussed, along with how Haslett's Voice for Change would be directly involved in the development of the District Diversity Plan.

3. Haslett's Voice for Change

Superintendent Cook indicated he spoke recently with Dr. Terry Flennaugh regarding survey results. These results are currently being disaggregated and will be presented to the Haslett Board of Education and community. There were over 1,000 respondents to the survey, and many community members indicated a desire to work on the District Diversity Plan.

4. Items from Board Members

- Trustee Morey shared he attended *Packet Pick-Up* this afternoon at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center and is excited for his daughter to enter Kindergarten next year.
- President Lemmer expressed her appreciation to administrators and school staff, as they have been continuing to adapt to the ever-changing data and recommendations from the Ingham County Health Department.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY COLLINS SECONDED BY MOREY TO APPROVE:

1. THE MARCH 22, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE MARCH 22, 2021 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE MARCH 23, 2021 FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.

4. THE MARCH 26, 2021 POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.

**Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0 (Roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays)**

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This meeting may be held remotely depending on the current Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting has been scheduled for April 23, 2021 at 8:00 AM. This meeting may be held remotely depending on the current Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.
- A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on April 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This meeting may be held remotely depending on the current Ingham County Health Department's restrictions for in-person gatherings.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY POLVERENTO SECONDED BY WHEELER TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM.

**Motion Carried. Unanimous vote. 7-0**

Date Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

(M. Gustafson, Recorder)